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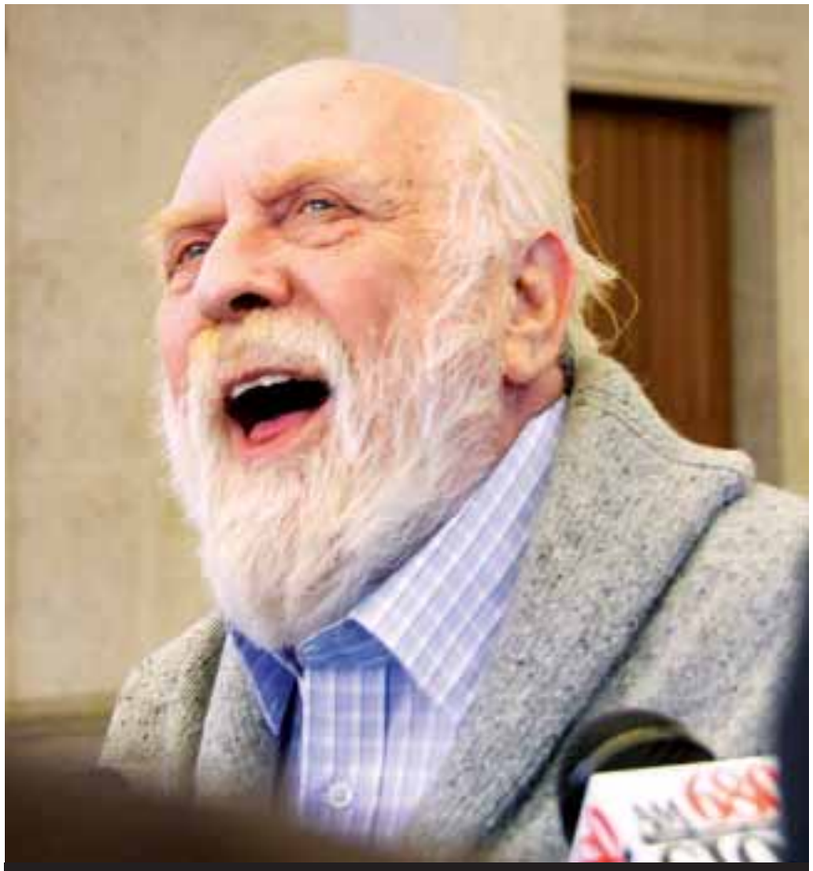

Coun. Harvey Smith was all smiles on Friday following a 2014 budget pledge of $1.671 million towards the reopening of Sherbrook Pool. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

# EPC pledges cash to repair, reopen Sherbrook Pool

**$1.671 million.**
Mayor commits to completing funding, planning work in first 60 days of 2014

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Swimmers will once again be doing laps at Sherbrook Pool after Mayor Sam Katz's executive-policy committee pledged cash for repairs on Friday.

Finance committee chair Coun. Russ Wyatt said during a special meeting of EPC on Friday the downtown pool will be receiving $1.671 million.

"For the first time, we are recommending that the Sherbrook Pool be reopened," said Wyatt at the meeting. "This is something that's brand new."

Coun. Harvey Smith, whose Daniel McIntyre ward includes the pool, had been lobbying hard for its reopening since it was shut down in November 2012 due to safety concerns. Smith committed his portion of the failed $7-million water park cash, about $271,000, towards the pool. Another $400,000 from an enhanced recreation fund was also committed.

Smith said he'd be leaning on MLA Kevin Chief, who is Manitoba's minister responsible for Winnipeg, to come up with a contribution.

"I think the province will know from all of the activity, all the attention we've given to the Sherbrook Pool that it's important to the community," he added.

Katz said the city will also be looking for a contribution from the private sector. He also committed to completing the funding and the planning work within the first 60 days of 2014.

EPC approved the preliminary 2014 budget with amendments. It now goes to a special meeting of city council on Tuesday.

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Finance committee chair Coun. Russ Wyatt

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# Students a step closer to U-pass

**EPC meeting.** University student representatives and city work to craft motion regarding subsidized transit

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Mayor Sam Katz has provided some fuel to university student leaders' desire to see the wheels keep turning on their U-pass plan.

Katz said he, Coun. Jenny Gerbasi, and representatives of the University of Manitoba and Winnipeg students' groups have been working on a motion "which will make U-pass a reality."

"That is our goal," Katz told media after Friday's executive policy committee meeting, adding that the motion will come forward in January.

Both student associations at the universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba held votes where a majority approved paying a maximum of $200 and $180 respectively for the September-to-April bus pass as part of their university fees.

These supporters were hoping the program would start in September of 2014, but that date has been pushed back to January 2015.

Rorie Mcleod Arnould, vice-president of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association, didn't share any details of the motion, but he said "we're really excited to see that type of initiative come forward."

"We would've liked to see it today (Friday), but this is a long-term initiative for the city and for students and if it comes in January or it comes today, we're just happy that it's gonna get done," he said, crediting Gerbasi and Katz for their work on the U-pass initiative.

"We're excited and we feel that we put forward the goodwill to work with council."

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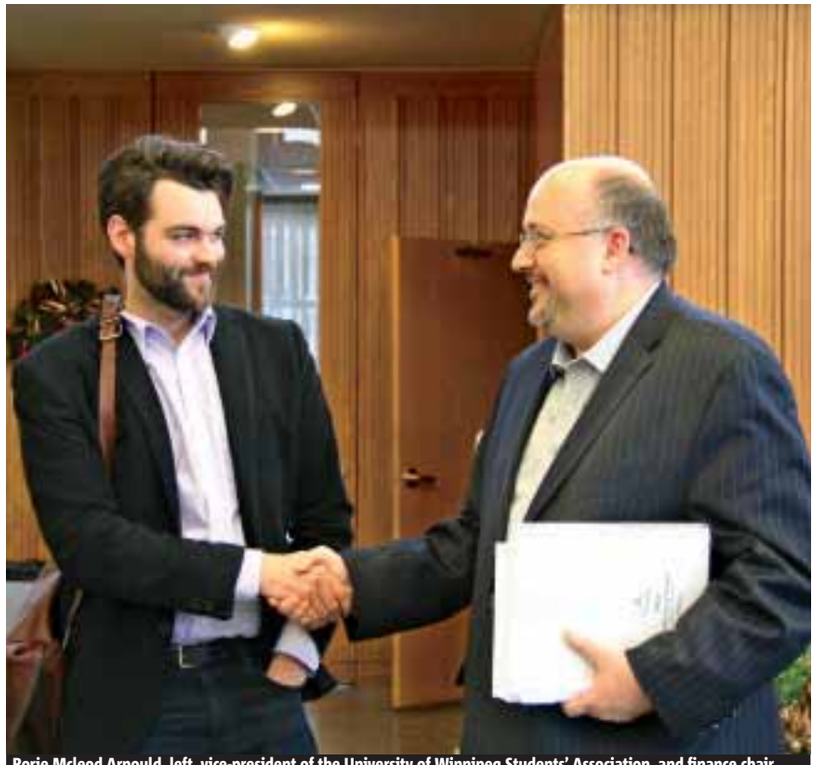

Rorie Mcleod Arnould, left, vice-president of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association, and finance chair Russ Wyatt shake hands after Friday's executive policy committee meeting. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

# Support quick to come for Siloam Mission

Staff, volunteers and those who use the services of Siloam Mission are grateful for the response they have received since flooding forced an evacuation at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Donna-Lynn Baskin, the communication co-ordinator for Siloam Mission, said the response has been big and they are receiving calls from people who want to know how they can help.

"It's energized us," she said on Friday.

The water from a burst frozen sprinkler head doused more than 600 square feet on two of the shelter's floors. It was up to two inches deep in some places.

"Yesterday was just a shock," said Baskin. "We come back in and (the emergency personnel) tell us what's going on, and your hearts hit the floor. By lunchtime we were actually feeling really down."

The community at Siloam Mission and within the greater city then pulled together to support the organization.

"We feel so much love embracing us," said Baskin.

The shelter continues to plan for its Dec. 24 Christmas dinner and is still currently able to offer all of the essential services to those in need.

"If anything the outcome from yesterday has been that we have renewed energy," said Baskin. "You'd think it's bright and early Monday morning the way everyone is bopping around."

But the cleanup isn't over.

Donations of food, clothes or monetary gifts can be dropped off at Siloam Mission at 300 Princess St., or sent online at siloam.ca or by phone at 204-956-4344. ZACH PETERS/FOR METRO

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# Hoarder. 120 cats seized from Winnipeg house

Animal welfare officers have seized 120 cats from a home in Winnipeg.

Dr. Colleen Marion of Manitoba's Office of the Chief Veterinarian says the felines were confined and in distress.

She also says rescue workers had to deal with a hostile resident and an overwhelming odour from inside.

Marion believes the owner had the best intentions but said it's likely they were dealing with mental illness.

The cats were living in crowded rooms in the home and in unsanitary conditions. Marion says the cats had food but not enough, and many cats were not well.

Staff and police officers were seen choking and gagging after being in the home, said neighbours.

Police have charged a woman with uttering threats towards the rescue workers.

Officials received complaints from residents recently that there were too many cats, but neighbours say they had no idea there were that many in the house.

**Mental illness**

**"It often comes from a history of ... trauma, animal hoarding, especially because it's a live animal that's being abused."**

**Psychologist Richard Shore,** who says hoarders need help, not jail.

"I knew she had cats, but 120? No way!" said a man seen coming from the home Friday. He didn't want to give his name but said he was a friend of the woman who lived there.

Marion said there were adult cats and kittens in the home.

"If these animals had been left in the environment that they've been in, in these unsanitary conditions, with time it would have significantly impaired their health and well-being," said Marion.

The vet says there have been other cases of animal hoarding. A Gull Lake man currently faces jail time for hoarding and mistreating 64 dogs.

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## An early Christmas gift

One of the Assiniboine Park Zoo's snow leopard cubs plays with a Christmas gift Friday — a present full of treats handed over by staff.

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**Impaired driving**

## Winnipeg man facing charges in September crash

A Winnipeg man has been charged with three counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm stemming from a crash that sent four people to hospital in September.

Police said the crash happened late in the evening of Sept. 20 in the area of Magnus Avenue and Main Street, when a Ford F-150 pickup truck travelling at a high rate of speed hit a Chevrolet S-10 truck.

The Ford truck then went through a chain-link fence and hit another eight vehicles that were parked in a lot, as well as two more vehicles parked on the street. All were damaged.

The two people in the Chevrolet truck and the passenger in the Ford truck were taken to hospital in stable condition. The driver of the Ford truck was taken to hospital in critical condition, but was later upgraded to stable.

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**North End**

## Three teens charged after 10 homes robbed

Three teenagers are facing charges after a string of residential robberies in the North End, Winnipeg Police said on Friday.

The break-and-enters are alleged to have taken place between Nov. 25 and Dec. 6, with 10 homes on Parr, Machray, Cathedral, Polson and Atlantic streets targeted.

Police said that on Dec. 10, shortly after 3 p.m., officers including the Canine Unit were called to a house in the 600 block of Cathedral Avenue.

The Canine team tracked down one of the suspects to Parr Street and he was arrested. The police investigation revealed the alleged involvement of two other teens.

One 13-year-old and two 14-year-old boys, all of Winnipeg, are facing multiple charges. Police said one of the teens was detained at the Manitoba Youth Centre. **METRO**

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The new sign being unveiled on Friday. ZACH PETERS/METRO

# Councillor says sign reflects an enduring, distinct Fort Garry

**New marker.** Group organized by historical society pool money for solar-powered sign

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A new sign unveiled Friday morning on Pembina Highway near Jubilee Avenue now welcomes visitors to Fort Garry — thanks to a gift from the Fort Garry Historical Society.

The sign was jointly funded by the historical society, the city wards that encompass Fort Garry and many local businesses.

"So it's a real group project, led by the small historical society, that envisioned it, designed it and constructed it," said Coun. Jenny Gerbasi (Fort Rouge — East Fort Garry).

Fort Garry, which was formerly its own rural municipality, is split into three municipal wards with three different councillors.

"There is still a Fort Garry, no matter how it gets divided up politically," said Gerbasi. "There is an area of the city that people call Fort Garry — 'This is where I'm from,' they say."

Gerbasi added that a lot of it has to do with identity and the strong Fort Garry identity that exists.

The welcome sign is solar-powered and will be lit up at night.

"It's efficient environmentally and it's efficient financially," said Gerbasi. "Winnipeg's such a sunny place. It makes sense on so many levels."

Fort Garry was incorporated as an rural municipality in 1912 and celebrated its 100th anniversary last year.

Gerbasi hopes the sign will welcome people to Fort Garry for the next 100 years.

**Standing tall**

**"There is still a Fort Garry, no matter how it gets divided up politically."**
Coun. Jenny Gerbasi
(Fort Rouge — East Fort Garry)

# Great Scotch! That is one expensive bottle

Inside the Grant Park Liquor Mart is a glass room called Distinctions, where the shelves are lined with rare, unique and expensive bottles.

With products that range from $50 rieslings to a $17,000 bottle of Macallan 1969 Single Malt Scotch, Distinctions is bringing the luxury liquor market to notoriously frugal Winnipeggers.

"It's time that we start promoting Winnipeg as a really cool cosmopolitan place," said Ben Rusch, spokesperson for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries. "This is a benchmark for Winnipeg and really really exciting for me."

Since Distinctions opened a few weeks ago, Al Roney, the executive general manager of Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, said they have had about 10 to 20 customers each week.

People in Winnipeg are also expanding their wine and whiskey knowledge with courses offered by the Crown corporation.

"The courses have been becoming more and more popular," said Carol Herntier, part of the education team at Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries. She said that, on average, 20 to 35 people attend their courses, which run twice a month.

The clientele is varied, said Rusch. People are buying these specialty bottles for themselves and as gifts, to drink right away and to add to their collection.

After aging in a barrel for 44 years it will be interesting to see how long the $17,000 bottle sits in its wooden box on a glass shelf in Winnipeg.

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Ben Rusch, spokesperson for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, stands beside a $17,000 bottle of Macallan 1969 Single Malt Scotch inside the Grant Park Liquor Mart's newest addition. CLARA BUELOW/METRO

**Red Cross study**

## Flood evacuees suffering in city

A Red Cross study of Manitoba flood evacuees who have been out of their homes for almost three years has found many are on an "emotional roller-coaster" and are adjusting poorly to life in urban Winnipeg.

John Byrne, director general of disaster management, says an assessment conducted by the group at the behest of the federal government found the prolonged evacuation is taking its toll.

About 2,000 aboriginal people were displaced by the 2011 spring flood.

"We discovered there were quite a number of people who were distressed over ... being away from their comfortable environment," Byrne said Friday.

"It's a known fact that in disasters worldwide when people are faced with these disastrous situations and prolonged time away, it can lead people into despair and different forms of relief. It could be alcohol. It could be any form of things."

The Red Cross findings echo what aboriginal leaders have been saying for several years.

The evacuees, scattered around Winnipeg and other parts of the province, have been living in hotels and rental accommodation. At least one reserve, Lake St. Martin, has been declared virtually uninhabitable and officials have been working to find a new home for the First Nation.

It costs $1.5 million a month to provide food and shelter for the long-term evacuees. The bill has already reached $90 million.

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A Zulu warrior plays a bugle as people gather during the funeral service of Nelson Mandela in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. Insets: Around South Africa, people stopped to watch the funeral. From top left, people in Nelson Mandela Square; Vilakazi restaurant staff; resident John Kunene; Stedman Graham, Oprah Winfrey and Sir Richard Branson; a girl at the Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg; Prince Charles speaking with Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. ANTOINE DE RAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSETS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Nelson Mandela laid to rest

**Solemnity and joy.** Several thousand gather to take part in ceremonies for beloved former president and anti-apartheid hero

Nelson Mandela was buried in his home village on Sunday after a funeral that mixed ancient tribal rituals with a display of the might of the new, integrated South Africa.

Military officers rolled Mandela's flag-draped coffin to the family burial plot in the village of Qunu as formations of planes and military helicopters flew over the hills where thousands of mourners had gathered.

Unlike the public memorial on Tuesday at a stadium that was rife with problems, the funeral and burial went smoothly. The ceremonies mixed solemnity with joy at Mandela's accomplishments, and were fit for African royalty.

Several thousand gathered in a huge white tent at the Mandela family compound for the state funeral that preceded a private service at the gravesite. Songs, speeches and the boom of artillery rang across the fields.

Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail as a prisoner of the racist white government and emerged to lead a transition to a multiracial democracy, died on Dec. 5 at the age of 95 after a long illness.

His portrait looked over the assembly in the tent from behind a bank of 95 candles representing each year of his remarkable life. His casket, transported to the tent on a gun carriage, rested on a carpet of cow skins below a lectern where speakers delivered eulogies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nelson Mandela's casket is taken out of the makeshift dome where his funeral service was held in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. ODD ANDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Xhosa

## *Tribal rituals on display in Qunu*

Nelson Mandela's casket was draped in a lion skin, an ox was ritually slaughtered and a family elder kept talking to the body's spirit: The state funeral for Nelson Mandela on Sunday included these rituals from the tradition of the Xhosa tribe, to whom Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

Mandela's coffin was wrapped in the South African flag, standing atop animal skins during the funeral in Mandela's southeastern childhood village of Qunu.

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# East Coasters in the slush: Snow followed by rain makes a mess

**Don those wellies.**
Nova Scotia sees pre-Christmas snow for first time in 3 years

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The combination of snow and rain on Sunday had many people in the East Coast shovelling their driveways so they wouldn't be stuck Monday morning.

Karen Ramsland of Halifax cleared her driveway around 1 p.m. so the snow wouldn't be too heavy to lift once the rain started.

"I'm loving it. I'm actually one of those people that likes the snow," Ramsland said.

Environment Canada Meteorologist Jean-Marc Couturier said the Halifax region got about 15 centimetres of snow by mid-afternoon, then ice pellets and rain began turning the snow into slush by 3 p.m. onwards.

Halifax Regional Police responded to 10 reports of accidents in the urban area, but no injuries were reported.

**Stormy weather**

**The same storm system dumped 15 to 25 centimetres of snow in parts of southern Ontario on Saturday.**

- Dozens of flights through Toronto Pearson International Airport were delayed or cancelled over the weekend.
- The storm then made its way to southern Quebec late Saturday and into Sunday, dumping up to 30 centimetres of snow in some areas.

Near-blizzard conditions didn't stop Julie Wiseman, left, Anna Marie Kaiser and Tabitha Bainbridge from getting in a 10-kilometre run along the St. Margaret's Bay trail Sunday morning in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

# Limelight fades for flood-hopping feline

Momo the cat has been living a quiet life since gaining global celebrity status when he leapt from a submerged pickup truck and swam for his life in floodwaters that hit southern Alberta last June.

Momo and his human, Kevan Yeats, were in Yeats's truck on a partially submerged street in High River when disaster struck. Yeats had been at work when the flooding started and he went back to his apartment to pick up Momo.

The truck hit a deep spot on the road and was quickly swamped by water washing through the community from the Highwood River.

Yeats smashed out the back window of the cab and hopped into the truck bed with the then-eight-month-old cat in his arms.

Momo jumped from Yeats's arms into the water and started paw-paddling to safety, his tiny wet head poking just above the surface.

The moment was captured by a photographer with The Canadian Press and the images garnered international media attention as a symbol of hope amidst the devastating flooding.

Kevan Yeats and his cat, Momo, in Okotoks, Alta. Yeats helped rescue Momo after his truck fell into a sinkhole during June's floods. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It was a deep spot on the street really and it just sucked me under. Looking back on it you kind of think, yeah, that was close," said Yeats in a recent interview at his parents' home in Okotoks, south of Calgary.

Yeats said Momo didn't seem to suffer any trauma from his swim.

"The next day he was fine and jumped in the shower — same old cat."

Yeats said the attention he received at the time has faded.

And some people have questioned the sanity of going back to High River to save his cat.

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# Ticketing plan could save cash on policing

**Proposal.** Officers could ticket people for offences such as trespassing, nudity

A demonstrator smokes a joint on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on April 20, 2010. Police would have the option of ticketing people for some minor offences under a new plan. PAWEL DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police would have the option of ticketing people for a range of minor offences — instead of laying criminal charges — under a plan that could yield significant savings for the cash-strapped justice system.

Timothy Smith, a spokesman for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, says the idea has emerged from discussions fostered by the federal government on curbing rising policing costs.

Under the proposal, officers would have the option of ticketing people for offences such as causing a disturbance, public nudity, falsifying an employment record, soliciting prostitution, vagrancy or trespassing.

It builds on a resolution the Chiefs of Police passed last August that would give forces the discretion to issue a ticket under the Contraventions Act for possession of a small amount of cannabis.

Last January, the federal Public Safety minister hosted a summit on the economics of policing that included officers and chiefs from across the country, government officials and academics. Officials say the cost of policing is steadily rising — hitting more than $12 billion in 2010 — even though the crime rate is falling.

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# WikiLeaks documents. 13 federal departments had contracts with U.S. firm

At least 13 Canadian government agencies have had subscriptions with U.S. private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, Inc. or Stratfor, sometimes dubbed a shadow CIA, newly released WikiLeaks emails indicate.

Stratfor came under fire recently after a leaked company document prepared for an oil company outlined ways to counter activist groups, such as Greenpeace, who oppose Canada's oil-sands development.

The same cache of leaked emails indicates Canadian federal agencies have purchased at least half a million dollars in Stratfor services.

Emails from January 2009 and February 2011 show invoices of $13,125 and $13,725 for one-year Stratfor subscriptions for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, which were not publicly disclosed by the department.

Under proactive disclosure policy, Canadian government contracts worth more than $10,000 must be posted on the web.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Jean-Bruno Villeneuve says there was a clerical error in not reporting the contracts.

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The home page of the Stratfor website is seen on a computer monitor in January 2012. CASSANDRA VINOGRAD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Venezuela**

## Bomb threat grounds Air France flight

A Paris-bound flight was rescheduled for Sunday after Venezuela grounded an Air France plane that French intelligence authorities said terrorists might have been planning to blow up. Venezuela's intelligence agency declined to comment on the threat, saying it isn't authorized to discuss the case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Florida**

## Teen charged with kidnapping

A 17-year-old faces kidnapping and carjacking charges after authorities say he stole a car with a baby inside. Police Chief Mike Chitwood said the suspect forced the woman to get out and wouldn't let her take her baby with her. Officers chased the suspect until he crashed into a parked dump truck. The baby was not injured. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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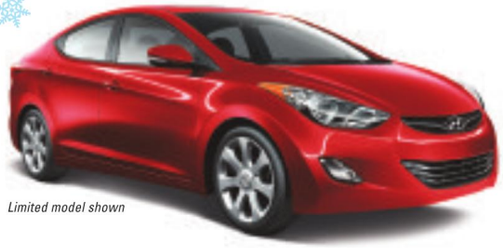

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Dani Reiss, president and CEO of Canada Goose Inc., sits for a portrait in his Toronto office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada Goose spreads its wings, migrates overseas

**Status symbol.**
Toronto-based parka company is flying high, and aims to soar to new heights worldwide

The head of Canada Goose is setting his sights on India and other parts of Asia as he looks beyond cold weather for future growth in the jacket business.

Dani Reiss concedes that stocking shelves in warm climates might seem unusual, but he says it makes sense for the company's high-end outerwear, which has become a fashion statement as well as a way to stay warm.

"Cold is relative. Tokyo is our best market in Asia and it never goes below zero," the chief executive said in an interview at the company's headquarters in midtown Toronto.

"Just like someone in Toronto buys a Range Rover, someone in Tokyo buys a Canada Goose jacket."

Canada Goose is at a turning point.

Take a glimpse of any city street this time of year and you'll likely see Canadians wrapped in the jackets emblazoned with the company's trademark badge on the sleeve and a fur-trimmed hood. Reiss wants to boost the company's reputation beyond Canada where it sometimes seems like the jackets couldn't get any more popular. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Naughty or nice? Do your research before donating

Holiday season leave you feeling like decking one of the halls? Like ringing Santa's bell?

If you're on the verge of a mall-induced rampage, maybe it's time to try giving instead of buying.

Studies show charitable giving boosts happiness and reduces stress, says Lara Aknin, an assistant professor of psychology at Simon Fraser University.

"Giving makes you happy," says Aknin, whose many studies of the link between philanthropy and well-being included measuring cortisol in the bloodstream. That study found that when people gave more, the stress hormone dissipated more quickly in their blood. "When people are spending money in a way that they're giving to others by way of charity, we see similar emotional boosts. It's more rewarding than spending money on yourself," Aknin says.

Another study found the reward is even greater when giving is a social activity.

In short, good deeds put us in a good mood, but when it comes to playing Santa for social good, make sure you know who's been naughty and who's been nice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Charities angling for donations, such as the Salvation Army, are ubiquitous right now. Before dropping cash in a kettle, do your homework. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Top 100**

**MoneySense magazine issues an annual list of the top 100 charities, based on its analysis of fundraising and spending activities.**

- This year, the magazine gave top grades to the Nature Conservancy Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, the Royal Ontario Museum Foundation and the United Way, among others. The Calgary Foundation, the Edmonton Community Foundation and the Vancouver Foundation also made the grade for their program spending, fundraising costs, governance, transparency and cash reserves.
- The Canadian Red Cross, which funds emergency relief at home and abroad, is a perennial favourite, spending 80 per cent of its funds on charitable programs and just four per cent on management and administration.

**UN prediction**

## Global e-waste to rise 30% by 2017

The mountain of refrigerators, cellphones, TV sets and other electrical waste disposed of annually worldwide is forecast to grow by a third by 2017, according to a UN study released Sunday.

E-waste — defined as anything with a battery or a cord — can pose a big problem because it often contains substances that are harmful to humans and the environment if not properly treated. On the other hand, some of it can be profitably recycled.

E-waste at a recycling park in Germany. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A UN think-tank dedicated to the issue estimates that the amount of e-waste will rise from almost 53.9 million tons in 2012 to 72.09 million tons in 2017. That's nearly 200 times the weight of the Empire State Building.

Per capita the U.S. lead, with almost 30 kilograms of high-tech trash for China's 5.4 kilograms. The global average is 7 kilograms per person. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# SHERBROOK: TIME TO PULL THE PLUG?

URBAN COMPASS

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The Sherbrook Pool received a new lease on life last week when the city announced it has cobbled together $1.7 million in next year's budget for urgent repairs.

The province and private donors are expected to chip in another $1.1 million for the project to ensure the facility's roof doesn't fall into the water anytime soon.

On the surface, it seems like a victory for the local community and pool users. But would it have been more responsible to just pull the plug on the facility instead?

There's little question the Sherbrook Pool has historic value. It's the city's oldest pool, a designated heritage structure, and the 'Public Baths' sign on the exterior is a wonderfully quaint reminder of years past.

There's also no doubt that some form of recreational need for children and adults in the west-central neighbourhood was served by the pool.

Judged purely as a recreation facility though, the Sherbrook Pool is a bit of a belly flop. It's dated, there's only one tank, the gym is inadequate, and users have been complaining about the basement change rooms since the facility opened.

I'm not saying this as someone who has never used the place. My son's first swimming lessons took place at Sherbrook, and I've brought him there for recreational swimming as well, mostly due to the warmer temperature of the water.

That warm water has been cited as one of the reasons to keep the pool open, but it seems far easier to turn up the thermostat at other city pools rather than spend millions on propping up an antiquated facility.

In addition to the $2.8 million needed just to make the pool safe for the public, the civic administration says another $3.5 million will be required for basic upgrades at some point in the next 20 years. That's $6.3 million to keep Sherbrook Pool the way it is.

Compare that to the $4.95 million being spent to enhance the Seven Oaks Pool with the addition of an indoor spray park and wading pool.

Or the city's plan to partner with the YMCA-YWCA to build aquatic facilities throughout the city featuring water slides, hot tubs, lazy rivers and wave machines.

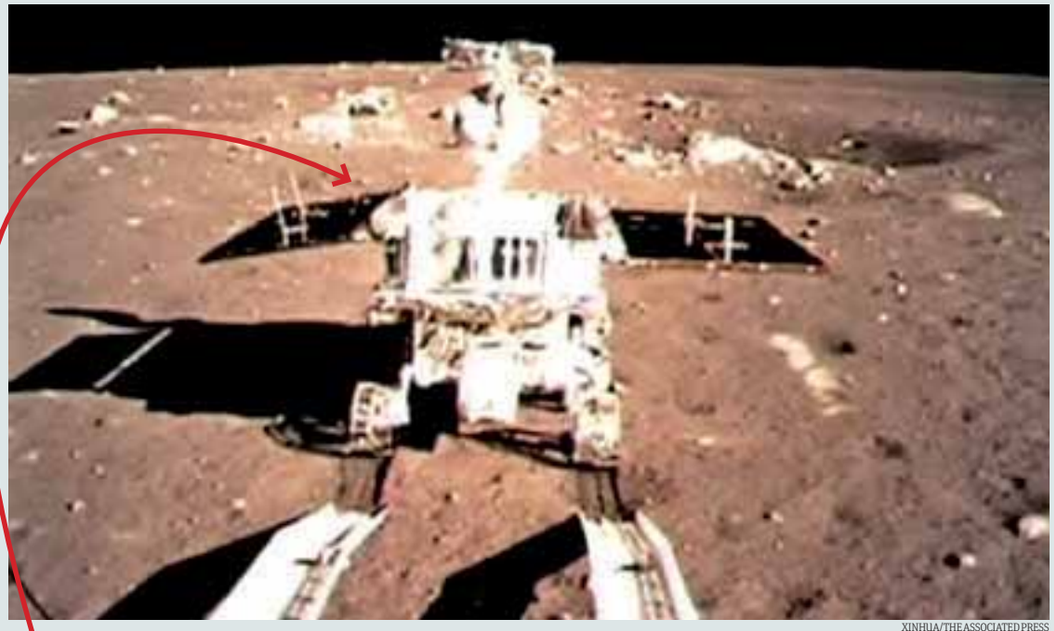
Don't kids in the west-central area deserve to have access to the same kinds of fun features, instead of just a lap pool and a few flutter boards? And on that point, did the city even ask local kids what they thought about building a new facility as part of the "community consultations" on this project? I have a hard time believing the average 10-year-old would choose a plain swimming pool over a slick new aquatic park.

Look, it's fair for supporters to blame multiple generations of city council for not making small investments to keep the pool current and sustainable.

But it might be equally fair to blame the current council for caving to political pressure rather than making a strategic decision to move forward with building more modern facilities in the neighbourhood.

## ZOOM

# China makes its first moon landing



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### Rover, lander snap pics of each other

In this image taken by the on-board camera of the lunar probe Chang'e-3 and made off the screen of the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing, China's first moon rover, Jade Rabbit, touches the lunar surface Sunday.

State broadcaster China Central Television showed images taken from the lander's camera of the rover and its shadow moving down a sloping ladder and touching the surface, setting off applause in the Beijing control centre.

China has completed the world's first soft landing of a space probe on the moon in nearly four decades.

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**The mission**

- The six-wheeled rover will survey the moon's geological structure and surface and look for natural resources for three months, while the lander will carry out scientific explorations at the landing site for one year.
- The mission marks the next stage in an ambitious space program that aims to eventually put a Chinese astronaut on the moon. China's space program is an enormous source of pride for the country, the third to carry out a lunar soft landing — which does not damage the craft and the equipment it carries.

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### "We are looking for highly intelligent individuals. To find them, we have devised a test."

Thus began a simple message, written in white text against a black background, signed "3301" and uploaded to a 4chan message board in 2012, kicking off a cryptic Internet mystery known as Cicada 3301.

Consisting of images and encoded messages designed to challenge the most cryptically-minded, the mystery that began with that simple message is a sprawling labyrinth that winds through math, poetry, ancient runes and steampunk, eventually leading those taking up the challenge to real locations across the world, where posters and QR codes are the cache.

Eventually, the ace brains who have cracked the code and overcome obstacles like message boards and forums purposefully seeded with misinformation find themselves in what's known as The Onion Router — a "dark Internet" of sites that are not indexed by search engines.

The puzzles and messages become private and those who got close to the prize are left to wonder what they were participating in.

So what is it all about? Speculation has it that the NSA, CIA or some other government agency is using the teasers to recruit new operatives.

Or perhaps it's a private endeavour looking for cryptology candidates to staff their operations.

Whoever is behind it, only a very select few have been able to learn. And they've been remarkably tight-lipped once the puzzles go private.

The first Cicada puzzle emerged on Jan. 4, 2012. A second was released to the web on the same date in 2013.

Will there be a third iteration? That's just as big a mystery.

To learn more about Cicada 3301, check uncovering-cicada.wikia.com.

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Can you spot the real 12 Days of Christmas verse among these mondegreens? ISTOCK

# And a paltry tin-affair tree!

**Say what?** Do you really know what you're singing when it comes to Christmas carol lyrics?

Milk and spiders? Nine lazy Hansons? Sleep in heavenly peas?

It's that time of year: holiday music time. And with holiday music comes all the strange and twisted things we sometimes think we're hearing.

Mondegreens, the moniker for misheard words in song, aren't restricted to holiday standards, of course, but the oldtimey language of some seems to serve as a botched-lyric magnet.

Lest you think funny turns on song lyrics are the stuff of childhoods, Missy O'Reilly knows otherwise. She's an actress, comedian and co-owner of Planet Rose, a karaoke haven on Manhattan's Lower East Side. "I'm the biggest Christmas nerd, so I'm always encouraging people to sing Christmas music," she said. "Some people are really surprised when they see what the real words are."

Look no further than Snopes.com for handy examples submitted by readers of the website that collects and debunks urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours and misinformation. Noting that mondegreens aren't parody, but words we actually think we're listening to, Snopes keeps a list of holiday gems.

For The Twelve Days of Christmas, there's "ten lawyers leaving" and "nine lazy Hansons." Later we've got "six geezers laying," along with "a paltry tin-affair tree." Those are in lieu of lords a-leaping, ladies dancing, geese a-laying and the obligatory partridge in a pear tree, FYI. If ever you've made it to the fourth verse of Winter Wonderland, you'll be relieved to know it doesn't include "Later on milk and spiders, as we dream by the fire," but rather: "Later on we'll conspire ..." And that snowman you may or may not build in the meadow? You should pretend he's "Parson Brown," not "sparse and brown," or "parched and brown." Just sayin'.

There are most definitely no "peas" in Silent Night, but "heavenly peace." In Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town, the big guy in red does this: "making a list, checkin' it twice." Not this: "making a list, of chicken and rice."

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**What's in a word?**

What's a mondegreen? According to Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show A Way With Words, the word mondegreen can be traced to Sylvia Wright and a column she wrote in Harper's Magazine in 1954 titled The Death of Lady Mondegreen. Wright discovered that for years she had botched the last line of the first stanza of the Scottish folk ballad The Bonnie Earl o'Moray. How it goes, with spellings based on updates of antiquated English: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and laid him on the green." What she heard: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and Lady Mondegreen."

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# Steven Van Zandt is still a tough guy, well, on Netflix's Lilyhammer, at least

**Interview.** The man who never wanted to be the Sopranos' boss dishes on the Boss and the changing nature of television

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News

Depending on where their interests lie, most people probably know Steven Van Zandt as Tony Soprano's main man Silvio or Bruce Springsteen's main man and longtime guitarist for the Boss's E Street Band.

These days, however, Van Zandt has a whole new gig, playing — you guessed it — a New York mafioso hiding out in Norway on Netflix's Lilyhammer. Van Zandt produces, writes and stars in the show, which was Netflix's first original series, paving the way for the likes of House of Cards and Orange is the New Black.

We got Van Zandt, who just might be the busiest man in show biz, on the line to talk TV, music and mobsters

**How do you feel that new platforms like Netflix are changing the game for television?**
Well, you have this idea of a global network. You picture five years down the road, they're going to have a lot of territories, which means it's going to be one stop shopping for content creators, which is a wonderful new concept. And I believe they're the first of what I believe is going to be a whole new series of global, digitally distributed networks. You know, I believe there will be a Google TV, and an Apple TV. Who knows who? In the end, what's going to distinguish one network from another is the original content. So I think we'll see that in the next five years or so, they're just a little bit ahead of the game. And I think putting all the episodes up at once is a little bit ahead of everybody else, and is very much how people watch things now.

Steven Van Zandt in Lillehammer. HANDOUT

**So how did you end up playing a mobster again? Is it a writing what you know sort of thing?**
No, no. I had no intention of doing that. But it happens to be something I know a lot about, so it saved me a whole lot of research. But, no, this brilliant husband-and-wife found me — I was producing a Norwegian band that's on my label in Bergen, Norway — and they said 'listen, we have an idea' and in one sentence it was 'Norwegian, gangster, Lilyhammer' and I just thought a bunch of things simultaneously. One of which was, I can't possibly do this, I just played a gangster for 10 years. And soon after that I thought, this is a terrific idea.

**Was it difficult, at first, playing Frank differently than you played Silvio?**
No, I really do an extensive biography of the guy and what his whole thing and history and likes and dislikes are. And it was really obvious to me that Silvio was the only guy on Sopranos who didn't want to be the boss. But this guy really is a boss, and much more outgoing and much less having to be concerned over his job.

**I understand you had to take time off from touring with Springsteen to film this new season, and Tom Morello (of Audioslave/Rage Against the Machine) filled in for you. Was it hard to give that up?**
No, no, not really. It was unfortunate, but I feel lucky that my life doesn't overlap more than it does, actually. Just that last tour alone, which was a two year tour, I did a second season of Lilyhammer and I directed a Broadway show for the Rascals, in addition to my radio show and everything else — and that was while I was on tour.

**I feel like Springsteen has gotten more prolific than ever, in his old age. Do you think he has a ton more albums left in him?**
I don't see him slowing down at all, you're right. I agree with you. You know, maybe not quite as crazy prolific as …. writing 80 songs for each record, you know, literally. But he certainly always has an album in his pocket; he usually has two.

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# 'Tis the season for anti-holiday films

There aren't many actual festive movies out this holiday season; Christmas Day instead brings a movie about old guys boxing and one where greedy mega-capitalists do drugs and bang hookers for three hours. For the non-believers or even just Grinches among us, there's a fair amount of films that call into question the season.

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## Brazil (1985)

There's a fairly immense cottage industry of films just incidentally set during the holidays. One would be Terry Gilliam's dystopian classic, where the awakening of one shy bureaucrat (Jonathan Pryce) is contrasted with the materialistic cheer of gift-giving in a futuristic England where the rich have gotten used to frequent terrorist bombings.

## Die Hard (1988) Gremlins (1985)

There's also a cottage industry of action/horror/thrillers with immense Christmas trees in the background and dead people in Santa Claus costumes. Die Hard features Bruce Willis battling Alan Rickman and posse on Christmas Eve, while Gremlins unleashes homicidal pranksters around the holidays.

## The Ref (1994)

Annual holiday staples rarely come better than this nasty little number, in which a profane crook (Denis Leary) kidnaps a couple (Judy Davis and Kevin Spacey) who just happen to be on the verge of a nasty divorce. Leary tries to intervene with his Bill Hicknockoff shtick, but eventually even he can't compete with his captors' near-Ingmar Bergman-esque pain, only with far more cussing.

## Eyes Wide Shut (1999)

Stanley Kubrick had Jack Nicholson unraveling over a long winter break in The Shining. Why not try it with Tom Cruise? After getting high with his wife (Nicole Kidman) results in her confessing that she's lusted for others, Cruise heads out into the night for a series of adventures, leading to a tony masked orgy outside of NYC limits.

## A Christmas Tale (2008)

French filmmaker Arnaud Desplechin's (Kings and Queen) contribution to the holidays is an epic of dysfunction, only with a family who've gotten used to not getting along and have reached some kind of brittle compromise. Fists fly, everyone drinks too much and there's even some sex, but that's how this family rolls.

## White Reindeer (2013)

Christmas fanatic Anna Margaret Hollyman comes home to find her husband lying on the ground, his head bludgeoned by robbers. She starts questioning the suburban persona she's crafted over the years, especially once she befriends the stripper her husband used to frequent. Happy holidays!

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# Rossellini gets down and dirty with bugs

**Science and art.**
Actress takes her wild and weird two-minute films to the stage

Isabella Rossellini is very popular these days with her show that sounds like it should be dull. After all, it's a scientific theatre piece about animals.

"It's also about sex," says Rossellini, laughing. "That's what makes it popular. If it was about the digestive system, I don't think anyone would enjoy it as much."

Rossellini, 61, has transformed her 40-odd Green Porno short films into an hour-long stage show, giving the actress a chance to go more in depth with some of the animal kingdom's weirdest inhabitants.

Her two-minute films were a web sensation, offering morsels about the reproductive habits of insects and ocean life and a clever dose of low-budget filmmaking, including paper costumes.

It was a kick watching the daughter of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini talk about the lusty behaviour of bugs, shrimp and starfish in her sexy European accent. "I don't think I'm bad-looking as a worm or as an anchovy," she says, and she's right.

The stage show is structured like a lecture that goes a bit looney — Rossellini's podium will house various puppets and tricks — she makes three costume changes and some of her short films will be broadcast on a screen. It's all grounded in hard science — Rossellini is earning a master's in animal behaviour and conservation at Hunter College.

The show is at the Brooklyn Academy of Music from Jan. 16-25. after stops in France, central Italy, Switzerland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. (She has memorized it in French, Italian and English). She takes it to Australia in March.

Isabella Rossellini
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One thing the one-woman show offers is a chance for Rossellini to delve into richer areas, as she does when she notes that recent studies find that hundreds of species display homosexual behaviour.

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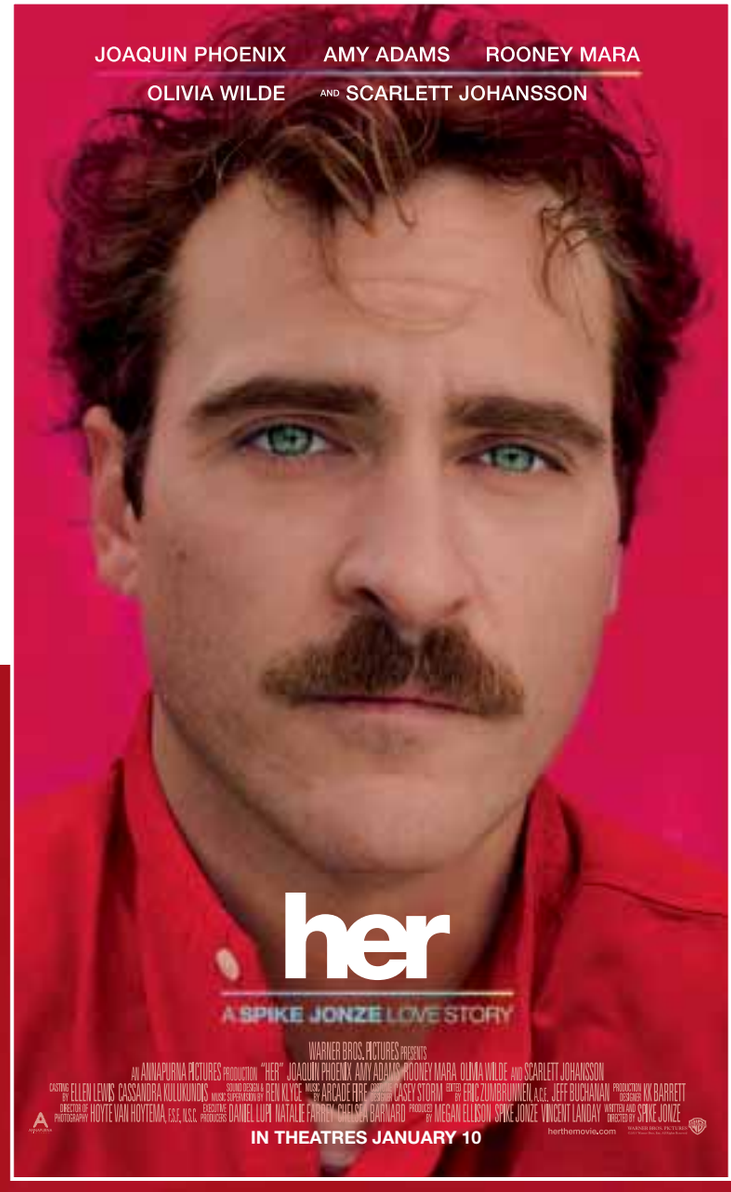


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Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

# Lindsay Lohan getting back to her old ways

Allegedly ordering friends to beat up Barron Hilton appears to be just a small part of Lindsay Lohan's wild week in Miami for Art Basel, as the troubled post-rehab starlet reportedly "threw tantrums all week," according to Radar Online.

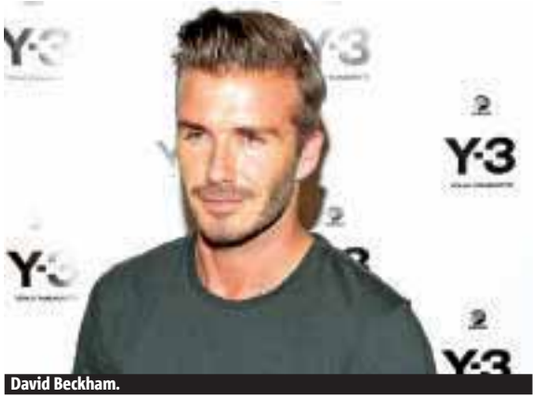
"Lindsay was a mess at every event at Art Basel," a source says.

So what had Lohan so in a state? Run-ins with the Miami-based ex-girlfriend of Morgan O'Connor, the 18-year-old model Lohan has been dating.

"Lindsay had a tantrum when she would see Morgan's ex-girlfriend at events," a source explains. "She would throw her arms in the air, stomp her feet and fling her hair around. She was acting like she was 10 years old."

Those displays might have been the last straw for O'Connor, who has reportedly soured on the Mean Girls star.

"Morgan wants nothing to do with her at all," the source says. "He is telling people that he is nervous and freaking out that his career is going to be affected by all her crazy evilness. She's obsessed with him."




David Beckham.

# Beckham's kids want to get tattoos

David Beckham is learning the hard way that dissuading your kids from getting tattoos is particularly difficult when you yourself have more than 30 pieces on your body.

"They've already said they're having tattoos done," Beckham told Jonathan Ross during an interview.

"And I said, 'Well, be different. Don't have any tattoos.' They said, 'No, we're going to have one. We're going to have Mum and Dad.' So I can't really say no to that."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

**The Word**

## *Britney Spears wants to ruin yet another life*

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**Britney Spears says she really wants to have a baby girl, a "mini-me," so she won't feel as alone in the world anymore.** She did, however, also say that it's not just that she's selfish or anything and that having a baby is also "a good excuse to buy Skittles."

**Scandal's Season 3 has been shortened due to Kerry Washington's pregnancy.** And they couldn't just give us four episodes of Cyrus and Mellie scheming while pretending Olivia got caught by B-613? #dearthofgoodideas #bitterbitterfan.

**At this year's Jingle Ball Miley Cyrus twerked with Santa Claus and Selena Gomez cursed and angrily walked off stage.** Sadly, Justin Bieber and his No-pants Elf Dancers couldn't make it.

**After all the bad reviews of her performance in The Sound of Music Live!, Carrie Underwood tweeted, "Plain and simple: Mean people need Jesus...."** Said Jesus, "Well sure, but you must remember, Carrie, that critique does not equal meanness. Also, that rust-coloured dress sure didn't do you any favours."

**MTV names Miley Cyrus Artist of the Year.** We're so very, very sorry, Franz von Schneiderlick. You will just have to continue making your impressionist straw tableaux in obscurity.

Jack White.

# Jack White finalizes divorce

Jack White's divorce from Karen Elson has officially been finalized more than two years after the couple first separated, according to Rolling Stone.

Elson, who married White in 2005, was granted primary custody of their two children, daughter Scarlett and son Henry.

Over the summer, she had obtained a temporary restraining order against White based on claims that he had been harassing her about their divorce settlement.

In that filing, Elson had claimed that she "fears for her and the children's safety as a result of this harassment."

Simon Cowell.

# Simon Cowell has big plans for his kid

Simon Cowell is a pretty good judge of talent, so he's already prepared should the son he's expecting with Lauren Silverman decide he wants to be a singer.

"As long as he signs a lifelong recording contract with me, I'd be happy with that," the X Factor boss tells E! News about the impending birth.

Cowell also confirms that he and Silverman have picked out a name for the boy, but that's as far he'll go for now.

"I'm not going to say what it is yet, but I'm happy," Cowell says.

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Travel Tidbit

## Ain't it grand?

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
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Entertaining the kids in the car, plane or train on the way to grandma's house is a challenge. But parents are often left scrambling to find something for the kids to do once there. You don't want to drag along the whole toy room, but find some space to pack items to keep the kids busy.

Building blocks, like Lego, are terrific as the kids can continually create new things. Buy the bucket of blocks versus the kits. The kits tend to have an "all finished" sense once completed, whereas the "free building" can go on forever.

Stop by the dollar store and pick up basic arts and crafts supplies. Non-permanent markers and construction paper are great for making decorations.

A deck of cards and a popular board game can fill hours of time.

Download movies or TV shows that the kids love on your own laptop or tablet, if you're unsure what TV channels or internet access the grandparents have. Rogers' new Kids Zone portal has many pre-selected loved shows from channels you trust. You can set up a playlist so you know exactly what they're watching. Grand times. KATHY BUCKWORTH IS THE AUTHOR OF I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU.

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# Cookies, gifts and...meditation?

**Q&A.** The big man in red is exceptionally busy around this time of year, what with toy-making and list-checking — but he did find a few minutes to chat with us

Santa says oatmeal raisin cookies are great but he'll skip the eggnog. ISTOCK

**Greetings, Santa! We're so grateful to speak with you, considering how hectic your schedule must be right now.**
It's the most wonderful time of the year! And it is busy, but it is always a delight to talk to you.

**How do you manage your time?**
That's one of the most difficult things about the job — that it does take a lot of time and energy, focus, concentration, meditation and prayers.

**Santa meditates?**
Of course — everyone should have meditation. It's the moments of thinking of nothing that so many wonderful joyous things come. It's kind of a gift that I give to myself as Santa, that I'm able to take a moment and turn the lights down and light my magical candle and think.

**We bet Mrs. Claus loves to see you in a relaxed state.**
Even at this time of year, Mrs. Claus and the elves are extremely busy. They're keeping up with me, being sure that I have my food, my time, and keeping the list on who's naughty and nice...

**Say, what kinds of cookies should we leave out for you on Christmas Eve?**
I'm trying to lean toward oatmeal and raisin — it's a little healthier for me. I'm trying to watch my weight. Otherwise, how could I ever get down all those chimneys? And I would suggest carrots for the reindeer, although they are leaning heavily toward candy corn. [And] skim milk all the way! (Laughs)

**Should we leave you some eggnog too?**
I'll be driving so I'll have to pass.

**You've likely got lots of people to visit. How many letters do you think you'll receive this year?**
Millions. I'm already getting letters from children who tell me what they want. And some of the most wonderful letters include the whole family — my brother wants this, my mom, my dad [want this]. Even if you're on the naughty list, you have a little bit of time left.

**So how can someone on the naughty list end up on the nice list?**
By being nice. If you're a child, by being respectful and obedient. If you're an adult, by helping someone, by being nice. It's very important.

**We want to know how you spend your time when you're not working. For example, how do you spend your summers?**
I enjoy fishing. We have some wonderful fishing up in the North Pole toward southern Alaska.

**And what do you do the day after Christmas?**
I'll go back to the North Pole, collect the elves and the reindeer and we'll settle down for a nice, long winter's nap. [Then we start working again] as soon as I wake up. When you love what you do, you never have to worry about working because it's a joy. We start to think about the toys for next year.
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# The rubber-band gang

Cooper Volkman wears loom band bracelets. LORI L. VOLKMAN/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cooper Volkman is eight years old, full of energy and tends to be perpetually in motion.

Lately, though, it's been different. In the evenings, when his mom, Lori, makes dinner, Cooper is absorbed by a new hobby: making bracelets and other objects out of tiny, colourful rubber bands.

The current craze for kids — Rainbow Loom bands and their many knockoffs — has been surprising parents and child development experts. In a market glutted with crafts marketed to girls, loom bands are the rare gender-neutral hobby that appeals to boys, too.

### Open to Everyone

Tricia Ross' son avoids playing with his sisters' toys. But he and many male classmates in Charlottesville, Va., have seized on loom bands.

"There's a sense of accomplishment" that comes with finishing a bracelet, Ross says, and it's enough to inspire her son to "sit until it's complete."

Ross and Volkman find that while many craft products are packaged in pink boxes emblazoned with pictures of smiling girls, the gender-neutral packaging of loom band products make them more boy-friendly.

### Good For Development

Loom bands are popular among kids age seven to 12, a key time for developing.

"Right around age seven, you see fine motor skills taking off," says Cynthia Edwards, professor of psychology at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. "Anything that helps them to use those hands together, left and right, helps to develop those areas of the brain and the muscles themselves. "

Kids in this age group are also developing "executive function," the ability to plan and execute tasks, Edwards says. With loom band weaving, kids must choose what to create (it's gone beyond bracelets to everything from backpack fobs to action figures), pick a colour scheme and style of weaving, gather materials and then do the weaving steps in the right order. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Cherry-White Chocolate Drop Cookies: Beat the baking guilt

This recipe makes two dozen cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At this time of year, we are constantly reminded that happy families are supposed to have special bonding moments while baking luscious holiday treats. If we really loved our children, we'd be delighted by the mess they make while dumping flour on the floor and spilling raw eggs down the side of the stove.

And so begins the guilt. Not only are we supposed to be baking, we're also supposed to be enjoying it.

To attempt to assuage the guilt, try these one-bowl cookies.

**Ingredients**

- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

**1.** Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

**2.** In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and both sugars until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the egg, almond extract and milk, then mix well. Add the flour and baking soda, then mix just until the dry ingredients are well mixed in. Mix in the cherries, cranberries and chocolate chips.

**3.** Drop the dough in 2-tablespoon mounds on the prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between them. Bake, in batches if necessary, for 12 to 14 minutes, or until just lightly browned at the edges and still slightly soft at the centre. Leave on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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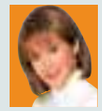

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**Kids love McDonalds but parents don't love the fat and calories. Here is a way to make a wise choice when ordering for the little ones.**

### 4 chicken nuggets/ small fries / small Oreo small McFlurry

**750 calories / 34 g fat**

Kids love this Happy Meal but it's half their daily calories and fat.

### Equivalent

Four nuggets with small fries and a small Oreo McFlurry are equivalent in fat to 28 Heinz Mini Mozzarella Pizza Bagel Bites.

### Grilled chicken snack wrap/ mini fries / chocolate milk

**560 calories / 20 g fat**

The grilled chicken allows for some fries and the chocolate milk saves the calories and fat of the McFlurry.

# Dessert. Chocolate Orange-Lace Cookies

**1.** Heat oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

**2.** In bowl, use electric mixer to beat butter and sugar until the mixture is light and fluffy, 3 minutes. Add egg, vanilla and orange zest, then beat until light and fluffy, about another 4 minutes. In another bowl, mix oats, baking powder and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and beat just until combined. Stir in the chocolate chips by hand.

**Ingredients**

- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup plus 3 tbsp sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp freshly grated orange zest (about 1 orange)
- 1 1/4 cups rolled oats
- 1 tsp double-acting baking powder
- 1/8 tsp table salt
- 1/2 cup bittersweet chocolate chips

**3.** Scoop dough 1 tablespoon at a time onto prepared baking sheets, arranging about 2 inches apart and about 12 per baking sheet. Use back of spoon to lightly press down on each mound to slightly flatten it. Bake cookies, one sheet at a time, on oven's centre rack until edges brown, 8 minutes.

**4.** Transfer to a wire rack and let cool. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# A very Christmas cheesecake

This recipe serves 16. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**1.** Heat the oven to 375 F. Coat a deep 10-inch cake pan with baking spray, then line the bottom with kitchen parchment.

**2.** In a food processor, combine the chocolate wafer cookies and brown sugar. Pulse until finely ground. Drizzle in the butter and pulse to combine. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan and press evenly over the bottom. Bake for 12 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside. Lower the oven temperature to 300 F.

**3.** Meanwhile, in a large bowl use an electric mixer on medium-low to beat cream cheese until smooth. Take care to not beat in any extra air, but to scrape down bowl thoroughly to avoid lumps. Add granulated sugar and beat again, scraping the bowl thoroughly. Add the eggs one at a time, again incorporating gently, but thoroughly scraping the bowl.

**Ingredients**

- 6 oz chocolate wafer cookies (2/3 of a 9-oz package)
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 4 tbsp (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- Four 8-oz packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1 vanilla bean or 2 tbsp vanilla extract
- 6 oz chopped bittersweet chocolate
- 1/2 cup red currant jelly
- 1/4 cup chopped pistachios

**4.** Scrape in the seeds from the vanilla bean or add the vanilla extract. Stir in the bittersweet chocolate. Pour the batter into the prepared pan over the crust. Tap the pan gently on the counter to eliminate any air bubbles. Place the pan into a larger roasting pan. Pour enough boiling water into the roasting pan, taking care not to get any into the cheesecake, to come halfway up the sides of the cake.

**5.** Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until just barely jiggly at the centre. Turn off the oven and carefully prop the door open with a spoon. Allow to cool 2 hours. Remove pan from the oven and refrigerate until completely cold, at least 4 hours.

**6.** When ready to unmould the cheesecake, run a paring knife around the edge. Dip just the bottom of the pan in hot water for 1 minute to loosen the crust. Place a large plate over the top of the pan, then flip the pan over so that the cheesecake is upside down. The cake should release onto the plate. Remove the parchment from the crust and place a serving platter over it. Flip the cake a second time to end with the cheesecake right side up.

**7.** Microwave the red currant jelly for 1 minute and stir until smooth. Spread evenly over the top of the cheesecake. Garnish the edges with chopped pistachios. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Would you leave your working wishes behind for a higher wage?

**I want money, that's what I want.** Post-secondary students are increasingly trading in dreams for paychecks

JULIA WEST
Metro World News

In this day and age, laying back and letting a great job come to you is much less of an option. ISTOCK

Satisfaction in the pocketbook is trumping personal fulfillment for incoming college freshmen, according to a new study.

ACT, the nonprofit testing company that helps students prepare for college, released a report last month regarding how today's students choose a major. It found that close to a third of incoming freshmen are enrolling not in a field that interests them, but rather one that will help them land steady, well-paying jobs after graduation.

It sounds like a practical — though less than exciting — college plan, but that doesn't mean it's a wise move.

This isn't the first time this trend has surfaced. "It's interesting that this phenomenon is happening again," says organizational psychologist Dr. Billie Blair. "It was a prevalent practice 20 to 30 years ago when so many were encouraged to go into medicine because of the excellent pay."

A steady paycheck is a wonderful thing, especially right out of college. It's important for freshmen to remember, too, that their sanity and happiness also come into play when choosing a major.

"No doubt about it, in today's economic environment students need to be practical in selecting majors," states Carol A. Sitterly, dean for academic success at American International College.

"But they also need to select majors and career fields that they can feel passionate about over the next 40 years of their working life."

Keeping that passion alive and active isn't always easy when graduates are struggling to find work. Like so many things in life, being able to strike the right balance can make all the difference.

"The critical question is whether [students] can find a space in that world that they are good at and that they can get excited about even as they chase a paycheck," says Rita McGrath, associate professor at Columbia Business School.

McGrath reminds us that no matter how much time a student puts into the decision-making process, things can change while at school. "Very few students find that their careers unfold as they predicted, so the choice of major is probably a much smaller determinant of ultimate outcomes than we might assume," she says.

**Making ends meet**

**"No doubt about it, in today's economic environment students need to be practical in selecting majors."**

**Carol A. Sitterly**
Dean for academic success at American International College

**Switching majors**

**The dreams versus paychecks debate isn't just for incoming students, it also affects current students who are thinking about changing majors.**

- The best way to figure it out is with the resources that are already available. "Students thinking about changing majors should take an interest inventory and talk with an academic or career adviser about what jobs match their interests," says Sitterly.

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'Round the world wisdom

## *The straightest path may not be the fastest*

**The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.**

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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The simplest path between two points is a straight line. While mathematically true, in life this is rarely the case. Up and downs, twists and turns, that's the norm we all know. In desert running, where you'd think the shortest path would be the one most advantageous, often times it isn't. In running, as in life, while one path may seem harder, longer or more difficult, it may be the one that pays the most rewards.

When facing the Sahara Desert I was advised to carefully pick my running lines and avoid simply darting ahead. The desert course we ran had signal flags roughly every 100m, so that racers knew the specific direction to be followed. Unlike the rocky desert terrain of the Gobi or the Atacama deserts where I had excelled, the Sahara's sand was soft and its dunes windswept daily.

Now, instead of running the shortest distance, I would now be scanning to calculate my path of least resistance: Which side of the sand dune was wind packed? Which side was sun-baked with firm, vein-like grooves? Where might there be rock sediments I could run on with a hardened surface? I ran a longer route and was a degree off course for most of the race, but it paved a swift arrival to the finish line.

Have you looked at all the alternative paths to overcome your challenges?

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# Should we be bringing teaching to the tablet?

**School on a screen.**
One in three kids using iPads in class admit to playing games: Canadian study

Will iPads be the next school desk staple? ISTOCK

A third of Quebec students surveyed about using iPads in class admitted to playing games during school hours and an astounding 99 per cent said they found the gadgets distracting, suggests a new study based on the experiences of more than 6,000 tablet-toting kids.

But even though just a few students said they felt a tablet helped them learn better, the report's co-authors still concluded that schools should invest in the technology, although cautiously.

Researchers surveyed 6,057 students, who were enrolled in Grades 6 through 10, and 302 teachers about their experiences so far in using tablets daily in the classroom.

The report concludes that outfitting large numbers of students with costly tablets is a worthwhile endeavour, provided that teachers are well prepared and trained for the radical shift in delivering their lesson plans.

"It would appear that incorporating the iPad into education constitutes a necessary risk for schools, and that this technological tool has breathtaking cognitive potential," states the report.

But co-author Thierry Karsenti noted that so far, teachers have generally not been well prepared to teach with tablets.

The report notes that 70 per cent of the teachers surveyed said they had "never or very rarely" used an iPad before they were introduced into their classrooms, versus 53.6 per cent of their students.

"Some of the teachers were getting the iPad on the first day of school with their students, can you imagine? All the students were on Facebook, Twitter and the teachers were like, 'Oh my God, this is not working,' and blaming the technology because he or she was not ready," said Karsenti, the Canada research chair for information and communication technologies in education.

**iPositives**

- When teachers were asked about the benefits of using iPads in class, about half said it opened up better access to information, 40 per cent cited the easy portability of the devices, and about a third said it allowed for greater collaboration.

"You have teachers who are fully unaware of what's going on in the classroom, they're sitting reading their notes and the students are doing whatever they want."

The report notes that a "surprising" number of students — more than one in three — admitted to playing games in class, sometimes with their teachers' permission after an assignment or task was completed.

Researchers were also surprised that, in some ways, the tablet technology wasn't been used to its full potential. Students said they did relatively little reading on their tablets and were still using paper textbooks, while many assignments were still be submitted on paper rather than electronically. About 85 per cent of the students said they never or rarely used the iPad to prepare written work.

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**Schools get a signal.** Zuckerberg, Gates foundations donate to effort to bring high-speed Internet access to schools

Needed to keep a school building running these days: Water, electricity — and broadband.

Interactive digital learning on laptops and tablets is replacing traditional textbooks in many cases. Students are taking computer-based tests instead of fill-in-the bubble exams. Teachers are accessing far-off resources for lessons.

Technology is changing the way students are taught — and tested. But there's a catch — most of it is occurring in schools that have rich connectivity to the Internet.

Although nearly every school has Internet access, classrooms frequently are not connected or the connections are super slow.

**Broadband is your friend**

**"When schools and teachers have access to reliable Internet connections, students can discover new skills and ideas beyond the classroom."**
Mark Zuckerberg

The hurdle is limited capacity inside schools to transmit data, or bandwidth.

"It's the backbone. We have to actually think not just about the sustainability of the current traffic, we're talking about exploding traffic," said Raj Adusumilli, assistant superintendent for information services in the Arlington Public Schools in northern Virginia.

The effort to get high-speed Internet access in every school got a boost last week from the philanthropy of two technology gurus — Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg and Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates. Zuckerberg's Startup: Education and Gates' foundation have contributed a combined $9 million US to the non-profit EducationSuperHighway, a San Francisco-based non-profit working to improve connectivity in schools.

"When schools and teachers have access to reliable Internet connections, students can discover new skills and ideas beyond the classroom," Zuckerberg said in a statement.

The funds are expected to be used to provide technical expertise to schools and use competition to help drive costs down.

It likely would cost billions to get high-speed Internet access to every school in America.

U.S. President Barack Obama this past summer set a goal of having 99 per cent of students connected to high-speed Internet connections within five years.

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Ella Russell, 7, works on an e-book on an iPad during her second grade class at Jamestown Elementary School in Arlington, Va. JACQUELYN MARTIN / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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## The Pack comes back to beat 'Boys

Matt Flynn threw four touchdown passes in the second half, Eddie Lacy had the winning score on a one-yard plunge and the Green Bay Packers matched the biggest comeback in franchise history, rallying from 23 points down at halftime to beat the Dallas Cowboys 37-36 Sunday.

Tony Romo had two interceptions in the final three minutes, the first one giving Green Bay a chance for the go-ahead score with the Cowboys (7-7) in position to run out the clock with a 36-31 lead. Lacy scored with just over 1 1/2 minutes left.

The Packers (7-6-1) kept their playoff hopes alive with Aaron Rodgers possibly returning next week.

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World Cup

## Work on soccer stadium halted

A labour court on Sunday halted construction in part of the World Cup stadium where a man fell 35 metres to his death while working on a roofing structure in the jungle city of Manaus, further delaying the venue that will host England vs. Italy and three other matches next June.

The decision was announced after public prosecutors requested the immediate interruption of work in all areas where labourers need to be high above the ground. Work will only restart after constructors show that all safety measures are in place at the Arena Amazonia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Dolphins' Michael Thomas celebrates a win-clinching interception against the Patriots in Miami on Sunday. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

# Fins in focus in AFC wild-card picture

**NFL.** After thwarting another Pats comeback with third-straight win, Miami sits in final playoff position

Desperate to stop Tom Brady's latest comeback bid, the Miami Dolphins sought help from a reserve safety making his NFL debut after being signed Tuesday off the San Francisco 49ers' practice squad.

Michael Thomas came through, intercepting Brady's fourth-down pass in the end zone with two seconds left Sunday to seal a seesaw 24-20 victory over the New England Patriots.

Thomas celebrated by flopping to his back and was swarmed by his new teammates.

"I didn't know what his first name was," defensive tackle Jared Odrick said. "That's being thrown in the fire and reacting. That's a pure athlete."

The Dolphins (8-6) won their third game in a row to help their AFC wild-card chances. They also snapped a streak of seven consecutive losses to the Patriots (10-4), who missed a chance to clinch their fifth consecutive AFC East title.

Miami's breakthrough win left even stoic second-year coach Joe Philbin in a mood to celebrate.

"I might jump in my pool," he said. "I've been in it once since I've been here."

Brady threw for 364 yards, but was frustrated by a succession of squandered scoring chances. His counterpart Ryan Tannehill shook off four sacks to throw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, including a 14-yarder to Marcus Thigpen with 1:15 left that provided the winning margin.

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**Seahawks shut out Giants**

**The Seattle Seahawks picked off five Eli Manning passes and manhandled the New York Giants 23-0 Sunday.**

- The Seahawks (12-2) have won six times on the road, a franchise best. They're closing in on the NFC West title and their best overall record of 13-3 they achieved in 2005.

# Questions follow Canada's junior team

Canada forward Kerby Rychel deflects a shot onto CIS Toronto Selects goalie Garrett Sheehan during exhibition action in Toronto on Saturday.
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An eager group of 25 players broke camp Sunday and got ready to head overseas for final preparations for the world junior hockey championship.

But only 22 will still be there when the tournament opens Dec. 26 in Malmo, Sweden.

Coach Brent Sutter said the final cuts — one defenceman and two forwards — will be decided on many factors, including injuries.

"They're not easy decisions, but the reality is we've got a couple or three guys banged up and we're not exactly sure," said Sutter. "Hopefully they can skate when we get over there.

"Whether they'll be ready for the first exhibition game, we're not sure. All these guys deserve to be able to push to get on the team and they're going to have a few more days to do so."

The team will play three pre-tournament games — Friday against Finland, Sunday against Sweden and the following day against Switzerland. Sutter hopes to make the cuts after the first exhibition game so he can use the full squad for the last two.

The key question is high-scoring winger Jonathan Drouin, who is recovering from a concussion but who expects to resume skating when the team arrives in Sweden on Monday.

Another is rushing defenceman Josh Morrissey, who has been nagged by an undisclosed injury for a month but who expects to be able to practise this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

# Peluso to sit out three games for hit on Goligoski

**Major penalty and misconduct.** Jets forward to forfeit $8,600 US during the ban; Goligoski took 12 stitches but played on

Winnipeg forward Anthony Peluso was suspended for three games for boarding Stars defenceman Alex Goligoski in the Jets' 6-4 loss to Dallas on Saturday night.

Peluso drove his shoulder into Goligoski's back at the 15:28 mark of the second period after the Stars defenceman passed the puck up the ice and out of Dallas's end. Goligoski went face-first into the boards, cutting his face.

Jets forward Anthony Peluso
JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

"Goligoski makes no movements just prior to, or simultaneous with, this hit to turn his back to Peluso," said an NHL spokesman in an explanatory video. "Rather, Peluso sees Goligoski's back for some time and distance before he delivers the check.

"Therefore, the onus is entirely upon Peluso to avoid this check completely, or, at the very least, minimize its force."

Peluso was assessed a major penalty for boarding and a game misconduct. Goligoski received 12 stitches, but returned to the ice later in the game.

Peluso will forfeit $8,653.86 US during the ban. The money goes to the Players' Emergency Assistance Fund.

The 24-year-old Peluso has not been suspended before. He has only played five games in the NHL. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**In Detroit**

## Bishop shuts out Red Wings in Tampa's 3-0 win

Ben Bishop made 28 saves for his sixth career shutout and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Detroit Red Wings 3-0 on Sunday.

Tyler Johnson, J.T. Brown and Alex Killorn scored.

Petr Mrazek stopped 24 shots for Detroit, which lost its fifth in a row. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Two goals, two minutes apart. Panthers pounce on Habs in Montreal: 2-1

Jesse Winchester and Nick Bjugstad scored two minutes apart in the second period to lead the Florida Panthers to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Sunday night.

Alex Galchenyuk was the lone goal-scorer for Montreal (20-12-3), while Peter Budaj stopped 23 of 25 shots.

The Canadiens have now lost three of their last four games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scott Clemmensen and Dmitry Kulikov
RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Snowboarding**

## McMorris wins season's first gold

Regina's Mark McMorris opened the snowboarding season with a gold-medal performance in slopestyle at the Dew Tour on Sunday.

McMorris took first place in the 17-man field with 97.80 points, 6.80 points ahead of Sven Thorgren of Sweden. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**NBA**

## Portland wins at the 11th hour

Damian Lillard's spinning fadeaway with one-tenth of a second left in overtime lifted the Portland Trail Blazers to a 111-109 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Sunday night. Lillard hit a tough fadeaway from about eight feet for the win.

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**Women's soccer**

## Chile beats Canada in Brazil

Canada's women's soccer team dropped a 1-0 decision to Chile on Sunday in their second game of an international tournament in Brazil.

Yanara Aedo scored the game's only goal in the 40th minute to clinch the victory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 33 | 22 | 9 | 2 | 92 | 70 | 46 |
| Montreal | 35 | 20 | 12 | 3 | 88 | 75 | 43 |
| Tampa Bay | 33 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 90 | 80 | 41 |
| Detroit | 35 | 15 | 11 | 9 | 89 | 94 | 39 |
| Toronto | 34 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 97 | 99 | 37 |
| Ottawa | 34 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 96 | 111 | 32 |
| Florida | 34 | 12 | 17 | 5 | 78 | 109 | 29 |
| Buffalo | 33 | 7 | 23 | 3 | 55 | 96 | 17 |

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 34 | 23 | 10 | 1 | 105 | 74 | 47 |
| Washington | 33 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 105 | 97 | 39 |
| Carolina | 34 | 14 | 13 | 7 | 79 | 94 | 35 |
| NY Rangers | 34 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 76 | 91 | 33 |
| Columbus | 33 | 14 | 15 | 4 | 85 | 92 | 32 |
| Philadelphia | 33 | 14 | 15 | 4 | 76 | 91 | 32 |
| New Jersey | 34 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 78 | 85 | 32 |
| NY Islanders | 34 | 9 | 19 | 6 | 83 | 118 | 24 |

**Sunday's results**
Washington 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)
Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 0
Florida 2 Montreal 1
NY Rangers 4 Calgary 3 (SO)
Chicago 3 Los Angeles 1
Edmonton at Anaheim
**Saturday's results**
Calgary 2 Buffalo 1 (OT)
Los Angeles 5 Ottawa 2
Dallas 6 Winnipeg 4
Toronto 7 Chicago 3
St. Louis 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
Pittsburgh 4 Detroit 1
New Jersey 3 Tampa Bay 0
Montreal 1 NY Islanders 0 (OT)
Carolina 3 Phoenix 1
Nashville 3 San Jose 2

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 36 | 24 | 7 | 5 | 135 | 101 | 53 |
| St. Louis | 31 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 110 | 73 | 47 |
| Colorado | 31 | 21 | 9 | 1 | 88 | 73 | 43 |
| Minnesota | 35 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 81 | 81 | 43 |
| Dallas | 31 | 15 | 11 | 5 | 90 | 93 | 35 |
| Nashville | 33 | 16 | 14 | 3 | 77 | 92 | 35 |
| Winnipeg | 34 | 14 | 15 | 5 | 90 | 100 | 33 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 34 | 22 | 7 | 5 | 108 | 87 | 49 |
| Los Angeles | 34 | 22 | 8 | 4 | 94 | 68 | 48 |
| San Jose | 33 | 20 | 7 | 6 | 108 | 82 | 46 |
| Vancouver | 35 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 98 | 83 | 45 |
| Phoenix | 32 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 104 | 100 | 41 |
| Calgary | 33 | 13 | 15 | 5 | 86 | 106 | 31 |
| Edmonton | 34 | 11 | 20 | 3 | 91 | 117 | 25 |

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Minnesota 2 Colorado 1 (SO)
Vancouver 6 Boston 2
**Monday's games — All Times Eastern**
Winnipeg at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.

### SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crosby, Pgh | 18 | 28 | 46 |
| Kane, Chi | 19 | 25 | 44 |
| Malkin, Pgh | 9 | 32 | 41 |
| Getzlaf, Ana | 16 | 22 | 38 |
| Tavares, NYI | 13 | 24 | 37 |
| Perry, Ana | 21 | 15 | 36 |
| Ovechkin, Wash | 26 | 9 | 35 |
| Steen, StL | 22 | 13 | 35 |

**Not including last night's games**

## NFL

### WEEK 15

**Sunday's results**
Chicago 38 Cleveland 31
Buffalo 27 Jacksonville 20
Atlanta 27 Washington 26
San Francisco 33 Tampa Bay 14
Seattle 23 N.Y. Giants 0
Minnesota 48 Philadelphia 30
Miami 24 New England 20
Indianapolis 25 Houston 3
Carolina 30 N.Y. Jets 20
Kansas City 56 Oakland 31
Arizona 37 Tennessee 34 (OT)
St. Louis 27 New Orleans 16
Green Bay 37 Dallas 36
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
**Monday's game — All Times Eastern**
Baltimore at Detroit, 8:40 p.m.

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| d-Indiana | 20 | 3 | .870 | — |
| d-Miami | 17 | 6 | .739 | 3 |
| Atlanta | 12 | 12 | .500 | 8 1/2 |
| d-Boston | 11 | 14 | .440 | 10 |
| Detroit | 11 | 14 | .440 | 10 |
| Charlotte | 10 | 14 | .417 | 10 1/2 |
| Toronto | 9 | 13 | .409 | 10 1/2 |
| Chicago | 9 | 13 | .409 | 10 1/2 |
| Washington | 9 | 13 | .409 | 10 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 9 | 14 | .391 | 11 |
| Brooklyn | 8 | 15 | .348 | 12 |
| New York | 7 | 16 | .304 | 13 |
| Orlando | 7 | 17 | .292 | 13 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 18 | .280 | 14 |
| Milwaukee | 5 | 19 | .208 | 15 1/2 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| d-Portland | 21 | 4 | .840 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 19 | 4 | .826 | 1 |
| d-San Antonio | 19 | 4 | .826 | 1 |
| d-L.A. Clippers | 16 | 9 | .640 | 5 |
| Houston | 16 | 9 | .640 | 5 |
| Phoenix | 13 | 9 | .591 | 6 1/2 |
| Denver | 13 | 9 | .591 | 6 1/2 |
| Dallas | 14 | 10 | .583 | 6 1/2 |
| Golden State | 13 | 11 | .542 | 7 1/2 |
| New Orleans | 11 | 10 | .524 | 8 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 12 | .500 | 8 1/2 |
| L.A. Lakers | 11 | 12 | .478 | 9 |
| Memphis | 10 | 13 | .435 | 10 |
| Sacramento | 7 | 15 | .318 | 12 1/2 |
| Utah | 6 | 20 | .231 | 15 1/2 |

**d - division leader**
**Sunday's results**
Portland 111 Detroit 109 (OT)
Sacramento 106 Houston 91
Minnesota 101 Memphis 93
Oklahoma City 101 Orlando 98
New Orleans at Denver
Golden State at Phoenix
**Monday's games — All Times Eastern**
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
**Tuesday's games**
Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Family and financial problems can easily be resolved over the next seven days, but you must not keep putting them off.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Speak up if you have something important to say but make sure you listen too because the feedback you get could be invaluable.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
You may have to bluff your way through the sort of situation you would usually cope with quite easily today.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
As some of your views are a bit controversial there could be some interesting skirmishes today. But don't make a scene if someone who disagrees with you challenges your grasp of the facts.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Others may be having second thoughts about what you are doing but you have no such doubts. Even if you do make a mistake or two along the way your momentum and sense of purpose will keep you moving towards your goal.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and because of that you are ready to risk almost anything to prove you are the best. Before the day is over even your critics will be singing your praises and willing you to succeed.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You will get your way on the work front easily enough today but you may upset a few people along the way. That won't worry you in the slightest.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
You will be rather outspoken today, which is not that unusual, but make sure your criticisms are justified or you could make enemies of people who should be your friends.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Mercury combined with your ruler Jupiter warns that what others tell you and what they believe may be two completely different things.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You don't lack for ideas at the moment but you seem strangely reluctant to let the world know about them. Maybe that's not such a bad thing.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
The answers you seek are not that hard to find but you will surely find them quicker today if you get some assistance. And don't make things too complicated for yourself.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You must check facts and figures carefully today as Mercury linked to retrograde Jupiter warns that either someone is trying to deceive you or you will in some way deceive yourself.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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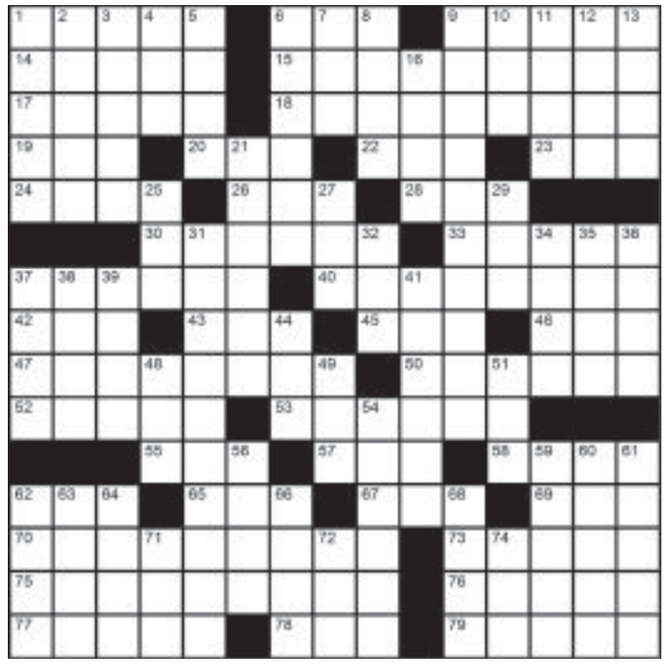
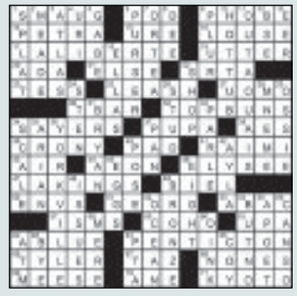


### Across
1. Anna Paquin movie, "The __" (1993)
6. Ms. Gardner
9. Impudent
14. Christmas Tree topper
15. Anti-aging cream targets: 2 wds.
17. NWT: __ Heritage Trail
18. Canada Dry __ __
19. Farm animal
20. Sports fig.
22. "__ _ Married an Axe Murderer" (1993)
23. Li'l water channel
24. Sun., on Mon.
26. Mr. Kilmer
28. Mil. rank
30. Festive beverage
33. Wuthering Heights growth
37. Chachi's surname
40. Author who co-founded the Writers' Trust of Canada in 1976, Margaret __ (b.1926 - d.1987)
42. "Yahoo!"
43. Ms. Thurman
45. Li'l pressure unit
46. Ceiling
47. Fun street in downtown Montreal
50. Pre-Christmas time
52. Mr. Spock's father
53. Formal order
55. Clairvoyance, e.g.
57. Total
58. Yielded
62. "Law & Order: _ _ _"
65. Rum __ Tugger (Cats character)
67. Cereal grass
69. Farm call
70. Popular posting-up stuff website
73. Do computer cleaning
75. Merchants
76. On _ __ (Doing well)
77. __ statement
78. Home reno network
79. Paint finish kind

### Down
1. Joshua Jackson's "Dawson's Creek" role
2. Floored: 2 wds.
3. Ms. Moorehead
4. Paleo opposite
5. Stewing pot
6. Blanket type
7. Ancient 7
8. Ms. Jillian's
9. Wintertime fun: 2 wds.
10. "__ Bud" (1997)
11. Actress Ms. Merkel's
12. Boston basket-baller, briefly
13. River of Flanders
16. "__ & Icons" (Vintage show from MuchMusic)
21. "Let's Make a Deal" = _ _ __ show
25. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
27. Miley Cyrus movie
29. Casual shirt
31. Well-known from daytime TV, Canadian designer Brian who has a home furnishings line
32. Discontinuity
34. 'Appear' suffix
35. _-__ Highway
36. It means 'Seven'
37. Bows
38. Uncommon, to Caesar
39. Alicia's role in "Clueless" (1995)
41. Elvis became a Private in it in '58: 2 wds.
44. Moreover
48. Check
49. Some football positions, e.g.
51. Non-carnivore, e.g.
54. Respectful gesture when meeting The Queen
56. Knit one __ two...
59. Monastery boss
60. Cat burglar's target
61. Bird of Jove
62. Li'l season [pl.]
63. Opinion
64. Do __ others...
66. Olde-style reward
68. Wax-coated cheese
71. Asphalt
72. __ Lanka
74. Big time

## Friday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 | | | | 9 | | | |
| 9 | | | 3 | 2 | | 4 | 6 | |
| 4 | | 8 | | | | | 2 | |
| | 9 | 3 | | 8 | | | | |
| | | | 1 | | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 6 | | 5 | 9 | |
| | 7 | | | | | 2 | | 3 |
| | 3 | 2 | | 7 | 1 | | | 4 |
| | | | 8 | | | | 1 | |

## Friday's Sudoku

## Weather

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|---|---|---|
| MAX: -3° MIN: -11° | MAX: -10° MIN: -15° | MAX: -8° MIN: -16° |

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